

EXHIBIT A

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
HOUSTON DIVISION**

AGUSTIN OROPEZA,

Plaintiff,

v.

**TIMOTHY WAYDE WARD AND
HOBBY LOBBY STORES, INC.,**

Defendants.

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CIVIL ACTION NO. 4:21-cv-01359

JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

**DEFENDANT HOBBY LOBBY STORES, INC.'S
INDEX OF MATTERS BEING FILED**

Pursuant to Local Rule CV-81, Defendant HOBBY LOBBY STORES, INC. hereby attaches this Index of Matters Being Filed to its Notice of Removal.

1. Plaintiff's Original Petition filed March 22, 2021;
2. Citation issued to Timothy Wayde Ward by the District Clerk on March 23, 2021;
3. Citation issued to Hobby Lobby Stores, Inc. by the District Clerk on March 23, 2021;
4. Return of Service on Hobby Lobby dated March 25, 2021;
5. Letter to Plaintiff's Counsel dated April 19, 2021; and
6. Defendant Hobby Lobby Stores, Inc.'s Original Answer to Plaintiff's Original Petition filed on April 19, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

MAYER LLP

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By: /s/ Robin R. Gant

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**ATTORNEYS FOR DEFENDANT
HOBBY LOBBY STORES, INC.**

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The undersigned does hereby certify that on April 23, 2021, the foregoing *Index of Matters Being Filed* was electronically filed, as required by the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas, using the Court's CM/ECF filing system, which will provide notice and a copy of this document, with attachments, to the following, who are indicated to be registered ECF filers in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas:

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EXHIBIT 1

CAUSE NO. _____

AGUSTIN OROPEZA
Plaintiff,

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT

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v.

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_____ JUDICIAL DISTRICT

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TIMOTHY WAYDE WARD and
HOBBY LOBBY STORES, INC.
Defendants

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HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS

PLAINTIFFS' ORIGINAL PETITION

Plaintiff, Agustin Oropeza, complains of Timothy Wayde Ward, hereinafter called Defendant, and for cause of action would respectfully show the Court that:

Discovery Control Plan

1. Plaintiff intends to conduct discovery in this matter under Level 3 of Rule 190.

Jurisdiction and Venue

2. The claims asserted arise under the common law of Texas. This Court has jurisdiction and venue is proper because all or a substantial part of the events or omissions giving rise to the claim occurred in Harris County, Texas.

Statement Regarding Monetary Relief Sought

3. Pursuant to Texas Rule of Civil Procedure 47(c), Mr. Oropeza seeks monetary relief of \$250,000.00 or less, including damages of any kind, penalties, costs, expenses, pre/post-judgment interest, and attorney's fees, but will seek judgment of no more than \$75,000.00, including damages of any kind, and seeks judgment for all other relief to which he is justly entitled. Mr. Oropeza expressly reserves his right to amend this Rule 47 statement of relief if necessary.

Parties

4. Plaintiff Agustin Oropeza is an individual residing in Harris County, Texas.
5. Defendant Timothy Wayde Ward is an individual residing in Bethel Springs, McNairy County, Tennessee and may be served with process at his residence located at 6105 Finger Leapwood Drive, Bethel Springs, McNairy County, TN. 38315, or wherever he may be found.
6. Defendant Hobby Lobby Stores, Inc. is a corporation doing business in the State of Texas whose principal address is 7707 SW 44th Street, Oklahoma City, OK. 73179-4808. Hobby Lobby Stores, Inc. may be served with process through its Texas Registered Agent: Corporation Service Company DBA CSC-Lawyers INCO, 211 E. 7th Street, Suite 620, Austin, Texas 78701.

Facts

7. This lawsuit is necessary as a result of personal physical and mental injuries that Mr. Oropeza suffered on or about December 1, 2020. At that time, Mr. Oropeza was the driver of a vehicle that was completely stopped at a four-way stop intersection awaiting to turn right, when Defendant driver, Mr. Ward, collided into Plaintiff's vehicle, while Defendant driver attempted a wide right turn without first insuring that he could do so safely without causing a vehicular accident. At the time of the collision, Defendant driver was in the course and scope of his employment for Defendant Hobby Lobby Stores, Inc.
8. Mr. Ward's conduct constitutes negligence and/or negligence *per se* for one or more of the following reasons:
 - Failed to control vehicle's speed;
 - Failed to operate the vehicle safely;
 - Failed to keep a proper lookout;
 - Failed to timely apply brakes;

- Failed to come to a complete stop prior to the collision complained of;
- Failed to make sure that the attempted wide right turn could be done safely;
- Failed to operate his vehicle at a speed that would allow him to control his vehicle and properly stopping prior to colliding into Mr. Oropeza's vehicle;
- Violated applicable, local, state and federal laws and/or regulations, including but not limited to §§ 545.101 of the TEX. TRANS. CODE; and/or
- Other acts so deemed negligent.

RESPONDENT SUPERIOR

9. At all times material hereto, Defendant, Mr. Ward, was acting in the course and scope of his employment for Hobby Lobby Stores, Inc. Consequently, Defendant Hobby Lobby Stores, Inc. is responsible for the acts and/or omissions of Defendant Mr. Ward pursuant to the doctrine of *respondent superior*. Plaintiff further pleads that Defendant Hobby Lobby Stores, Inc. was negligent and/or negligent per se for one or more of the following reasons:

- a. Negligent entrustment of a motor vehicle to an incompetent driver;
- b. Negligently hiring and/or retaining employees;
- c. Negligently training and/or supervising employees;
- d. Failure to maintain the vehicle in issue herein in a reasonably safe condition;
- e. Violated local, state, and federal laws and/or regulations; and,
- f. Other acts and/or omissions so deemed negligent.

10. The negligent acts and/or omissions of the Defendants noted above directly and

proximately caused Mr. Oropeza to sustain physical and mental injuries, and economic damages recognizable by law.

Damages

11. By virtue of the actions and conduct of Mr. Ward and Hobby Lobby Stores, Inc. as set forth above, Mr. Oropeza was seriously injured physically and mentally and is entitled to recover the following physical and economic damages:

- a. Past and future medical expenses;
- b. Past and future pain, suffering, and mental anguish;
- c. Past and future physical impairment;
- d. Past lost wages and future loss of earning capacity; and,
- e. Property damages.

12. By reason of the above, Mr. Oropeza is entitled to recover damages from Mr. Ward and Hobby Lobby Stores, Inc. in an amount within the jurisdictional limits of this Court, as well as pre and post-judgment interest.

Request for Disclosures to Defendant

13. Pursuant to Texas Rules of Civil Procedure 194, Mr. Oropeza requests you disclose, within fifty (50) days of service of this request, the information or materials described in Texas Rule of Civil Procedure 194.2(a)-(l).

Rule 193.7 Notice

12. Mr. Oropeza hereby gives actual notice to Mr. Ward and Hobby Lobby Stores, Inc. that any and all documents produced may be used against either or both of them at any pre-trial proceeding and/or at trial of this matter without the necessity of authenticating the documents.

Prayer

Mr. Oropeza prays that this citation issue and be served upon Mr. Ward and Hobby Lobby Stores, Inc. in a form and manner prescribed by law, requiring that they each appear and answer, and that upon final hearing, Mr. Oropeza have judgment against Mr. Ward and Hobby Lobby Stores, Inc. in a total sum in excess of the minimum jurisdictional limits of this Court, plus pre-judgment and post judgment interest, all costs of Court and all such other and further relief to which he may be justly entitled.

Respectfully submitted,

AMADOR LAW FIRM

/s/ Cesar E. Amador

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AGUSTIN OROPEZA**



I, Marilyn Burgess, District Clerk of Harris County, Texas certify that this is a true and correct copy of the original record filed and or recorded in my office, electronically or hard copy, as it appears on this date.

Witness my official hand and seal of office this April 22, 2021

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Request for Issuance of Service

CASE NUMBER: _____ **CURRENT COURT:** Harris County Judicial District Court

Name(s) of Documents to be served: Plaintiff's Original Petition and First Set of Discovery

FILE DATE: 03/23/2021 _____ Month/Day/Year

SERVICE TO BE ISSUED ON (Please List Exactly As The Name Appears In The Pleading To Be Served):

Issue Service to: Timothy Wayde Ward

Address of Service: 6105 Finger Leapwood Drive, Bethel Springs

City, State & Zip: McNairy County, TN, 38315

Agent (if applicable) _____

TYPE OF SERVICE/PROCESS TO BE ISSUED: (Check the proper Box)

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Issuance of Service Requested By: Attorney/Party Name: Cesar Emilio Amador Bar # or ID 24105367

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Filed: 3/22/2021 6:11:30 PM**Request for Issuance of Service****CASE NUMBER:** _____**CURRENT COURT:** Harris County Judicial District Court**Name(s) of Documents to be served:** Plaintiff's Original Petition and First Set of Discovery**FILE DATE:** 03/23/2021 Month/Day/Year**SERVICE TO BE ISSUED ON (Please List Exactly As The Name Appears In The Pleading To Be Served):****Issue Service to:** Hobby Lobby Stores Inc.**Address of Service:** 211 E. 7th Street, Suite 620**City, State & Zip:** Austin, Texas 78701**Agent (if applicable)** _____**TYPE OF SERVICE/PROCESS TO BE ISSUED:** (Check the proper Box)

- ☒ **Citation**
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- ☐ **OTHER, explain** _____

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EXHIBIT 4

CAUSE NO. 202116944

RECEIPT NO: 914759 TRACKING NO: 73853310
EMLPlaintiff:
OROPEZA, AGUSTIN
vs.
Defendant:
HOBBY LOBBY STORES INCIn The 129th
Judicial District Court of
Harris County, Texas
201 CAROLINE
Houston, Texas

CITATION CORPORATE

THE STATE OF TEXAS
County of HarrisTo: HOBBY LOBBY STORES INC (A CORPORATION) MAY BE SERVED WITH PROCESS BY SERVING
THROUGH ITS TEXAS REGISTERED AGENT CORPORATION SERVICE COMPANY DBA CSC-LAWYERS
INCO
211 E 7TH STREET SUITE 620, AUSTIN TX 78701

Attached is a copy of: PLAINTIFFS ORIGINAL PETITION

This instrument was filed on March 22, 2021 in the above cited cause number and court. The instrument attached describes the claim against you.

YOU HAVE BEEN SUED. You may employ an attorney. If you or your Attorney do not file a written answer with the District Clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 a.m. on the Monday next following the expiration date of 20 days after you were served this citation and petition, a default judgment may be taken against you. In addition to filing a written answer with the clerk, you may be required to make initial disclosures to the other parties of this suit. These disclosures generally must be made no later than 30 days after you file your answer with the clerk. Find out more at TexasLawHelp.org.

This citation was issued on March 24, 2021, under my hand and seal of said court.

Issued at the request of:AMADOR, C. EMILIO
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IN THE 129TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS

CAUSE NO: 202116944

AGUSTIN OROPEZA
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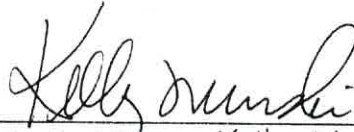
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- Citation
- Plaintiff's Original Petition
- Request for Disclosures to Defendant

and executed by me on: 3/25/2021 , at 2:27 o'clock PM , at

211 E. 7TH STREET, SUITE 620, AUSTIN, TX 78701, within the county of TRAVIS, by delivering to HOBBY LOBBY STORES, INC., by delivering to its registered agent, CORPORATION SERVICE COMPANY dba CSC-LAWYERS INCORPORATING SERVICE COMPANY, by delivering to JOHN SPEIDEL , employee/managing agent, in person, a true copy of the above specified documents having first endorsed on such copy the date of delivery.

I am over the age of 18, not a party to nor interested in the outcome of the above numbered suit, and I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

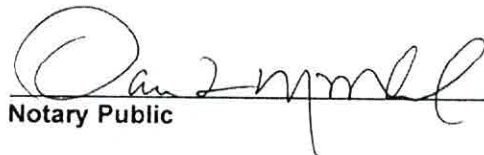


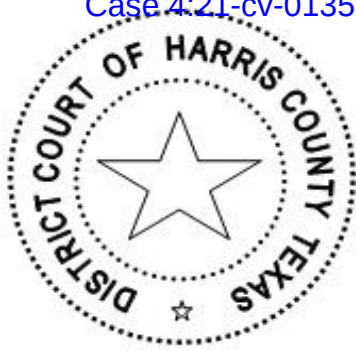
Authorized Person: Kelly Murski, PSC 5912
Expiration Date: 10/31/2022

STATE OF TEXAS }

VERIFICATION

Before me, a notary public, on this day personally appeared the above named Authorized person, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing document and, being by me first duly sworn, declared that the statements and facts therein contained are within his/her personal knowledge and experience to be true and correct. Given under my hand and seal of office on this the 25th day of March, 2021.


Notary Public



I, Marilyn Burgess, District Clerk of Harris County, Texas certify that this is a true and correct copy of the original record filed and or recorded in my office, electronically or hard copy, as it appears on this date.

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April 19, 2021

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Re: ***Agustin Oropeza v. Hobby Lobby Stores, Inc. and Timothy
Wayde Ward***

Cause No.: 202116944

Court: 129th District Court, Harris County Division

Our File No.: 79533.00030

Dear Mr. Amador:

Enclosed is ***Defendant Hobby Lobby Stores, Inc.'s Answer to Plaintiff's Original Petition and Demand for a Jury Trial*** in the above-referenced matter, which was e-filed today in the 129th District Court, Harris County, Texas.

Please be advised that we would like to take your client's deposition, on a mutually agreeable date and time, following our receipt of Plaintiff's Answers to Defendant's (forthcoming) written discovery requests.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 214.379.6908 or via email at rgant@mayerllp.com.

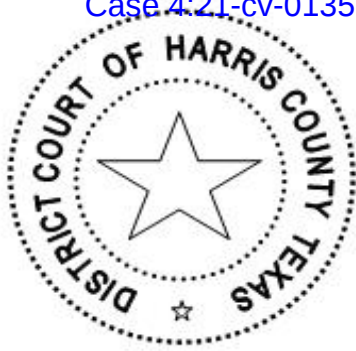
Sincerely,

MAYER LLPBy: /s/ Robin R. Gant

Robin R. Gant

RRG/pm
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EXHIBIT 6

CAUSE NO. 202116944**AGUSTIN OROPEZA,***Plaintiff,***v.****TIMOTHY WAYDE WARD AND
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§**IN THE DISTRICT COURT****HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS****129th JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

**DEFENDANT HOBBY LOBBY STORES, INC.'S
ORIGINAL ANSWER AND DEMAND FOR A JURY TRIAL**

HOBBY LOBBY STORES, INC., one of the Defendants herein, hereby files its Original Answer and Demand for a Jury Trial as follows:

**I.
GENERAL DENIAL**

1. Defendant denies each and every, all and singular, the material allegations contained within Plaintiff's pleadings and demand strict proof thereof.

**II.
JURY DEMAND**

2. In accordance with Rule 216 of the TEXAS RULES OF CIVIL PROCEDURE, Defendant hereby demands a trial by jury and tenders the applicable jury fee with its Answer.

III.
PRAYER FOR RELIEF

3. Defendant, HOBBY LOBBY STORES, INC. prays that Plaintiff take nothing by this lawsuit; that Defendant go hence with its costs without delay; and for such other and further relief, both general and special, at law and in equity, to which Defendants may show themselves justly entitled.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This is to certify that on the 19th day of April 2021, a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been forwarded to all counsel of record as follows:

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- ☐ E-SERVICE ONLY
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/s/ *Robin R. Gant*

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EXHIBIT 7

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CIVIL ACTION NO. 4:21-cv-01359

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COUNSEL OF RECORD AND INFORMATION PURSUANT TO
LOCAL RULE CV-81(C)

(1) A list of all parties in the case, their party type (e.g., plaintiff, defendant, intervenor, receiver, etc.) and current status of the removed case (pending, dismissed);

Plaintiff Agustin Oropeza

Defendant Hobby Lobby Stores, Inc.

The removed case is currently pending.

(2) A civil cover sheet and a certified copy of the state court docket sheet; a copy of all pleadings that assert causes of action (e.g. complaints, amended complaints, supplemental complaints, counterclaims, cross-actions, third party actions, interventions, etc.); all answers to such pleadings and a copy of all process and orders served upon the party removing the case to this court, as required by 28 U.S.C. § 1446(a).

See attached civil cover sheet and documents attached to Defendant's Notice of Removal as *Exhibit A*.

(3) A complete list of attorneys involved in the action being removed, including each attorney's bar number, address, telephone number and party or parties represented by him/her;

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